

A Cripple, A Crowd and Two Missionaries

Acts 14:7-28

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I. The Crowd (vs.8-13)

- 1) The crowd **s**__ a man who had been crippled from birth miraculously, instantaneously and completely healed. This was a sign of Paul's apostolic calling and divine revelation. (Act.14:8-10; Heb.2:3-4; 2Co.12:12)
- 2) The crowd saw this miracle through the imaginations that had been passed down to them and now were their **o**___. (Act.14:11; Rom.1:19-23)
- 3) Their gods were **l**___e depraved men with all the same passions and lusts. (Act.14:12; Rom.1:19-23)
- 4) Their gods were in keeping with the **l**___style they now had. (Rom.1:18)
- 5) God sometimes allows ungodly and wicked men to perform miracles in order to **t**__t us. (Act.14:13; Deu.13:1-3; 2Ti.3:8,13; Mar.13:22; 2Th.2:9)

*May God grant us to receive the truth of the only true God and give Him all the glory!

II. The Missionaries (vs.9-17)

- 1) The Apostle Paul was able to **disc**___ that this crippled man had faith. (Act.14:9)
- 2) The Apostle was **f**___ful to boldly declare God's message regardless of the man's ability. (Act.14:10)
- 3) Barnabas and Paul were **h**___ble. They saw themselves as unworthy servants of the LORD. (Act.14:14,18; Isa.42:8; Dan.4:34-35; Mat.5:3-5; 2Co.4:5-7; Luk.14:11)
- 4) Their Preaching
 - a) They preached that the Creator God **a**___e was worthy to be worshiped and obeyed. (Act.14:15)
 - b) They preached the obligation of **a**___ men to repent toward God. (Act.14:15; 17:30; 2Co.10:5)
 - c) They preached the sovereignty of God – His right and **p**___r to order all things and peoples as it pleases Him. (Act.14:16; Eph.1:11; Psa.115:3; Rom.1:24-25)
 - d) They preached the merciful goodness of God even to those rebelling against **H**___. (Act.14:17; Mat.5:44-46)

*May God grant us to grace to be and stay humble and discerning in faithfully proclaiming His truth!

III. The Cripple (vs.8-10)

- 1) All of us, like this cripple, are by nature **w**___out power to come to Christ or to walk in His ways. (Act.14:8; Joh.6:44; Rom.5:12; 3:11)
- 2) God's salvation is made ours by **f**___h. Have you so come to Him? (Act.14:9; Joh.3:16)
- 3) He did what was impossible, beyond his ability, and so must **e**___y sinner. (Act.14:10; Phi.2:12-13)
- 4) As we began so we are to continue and **e**___ our Christian walk - by faith. (Col.2:6)